



# Crop Progress and Condition

## NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE

United States Department of Agriculture • Washington, DC 20250

Northwest Regional Field Office • Olympia, WA 98507

Ag Statistics Hotline: 1-800-727-9540 • [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov)



Released: October 15, 2018  
Week Ending: October 14, 2018

### In Cooperation with...

- Cooperative Extension Service, Washington State University
- Cooperative Extension Service, University of Idaho
- Idaho State Department of Agriculture
- Oregon State Department of Agriculture
- USDA, Farm Service Agency

### Regional Contacts

Phone: 1-800-435-5883

Email: [nassrfonwr@nass.usda.gov](mailto:nassrfonwr@nass.usda.gov)

- Washington – Christopher Mertz, NW Regional Director
- Idaho – Randy Welk, State Statistician
- Oregon – Dave Losh, State Statistician
- Alaska – Sue Benz, State Statistician

## First Rain of the Season in Idaho Delighted and Delayed Producers

There were 4.8 days suitable last week for fieldwork. Pasture and range conditions were 6% very poor, 30% poor, 42% fair, 21% good, and 1% excellent. A low temperature of 10 degrees Fahrenheit was reported in the eastern region. A high temperature of 68 degrees Fahrenheit was reported in the northern region. The statewide temperature differential ranged from 2 to 12 degrees below average. North Idaho had beautiful fall weather with sunshine during the days, but freezing temperatures at night that dampened pasture growth. Winter wheat crops were almost all emerged and in good condition. Cassia and Minidoka Counties received their first rain in 107 days during last week. Harvest ceased for a week. Silage harvest in Jerome and Twin Falls Counties was almost completed. Rain and freezing temperatures brought haying to an end. Potato and sugarbeet harvest continued along with winter cereal planting. Harvests also halted due to rain for a few days earlier last week. Cattle were coming home from the range in Oneida County. Crops were out of the fields and winter wheat planting started. Power and Oneida Counties also got some rain. Harvest wrapped up in Teton County last week. Hard frost covered the ground Monday and Tuesday, but pastures were still in decent condition.

## Oregon Remained Mostly Dry and Mild with Cool Night Temperatures

There were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Pasture and range conditions were 59% very poor, 17% poor, 17% fair, and 7% good. A low temperature was reported at 11 degrees Fahrenheit in the south central region of Oregon, and a high temperature was reported at 80 degrees Fahrenheit in the coastal areas. The statewide temperature differential ranged from 10 degrees below average to 4 degrees above average. Overall, conditions remained dry with many areas under drought conditions and temperatures were dropping. In the northeast region, silage corn harvest was complete. Sweet corn harvest was nearly complete with reports of heavy, late bird damage. Hazelnut harvest was still underway. Grass seed plantings received some moisture to start sprouting. Livestock producers were supplementing hay due to drought conditions. There were increased sign-ups for feed funding assistance (LFP) through Farm Service Agency this year. Winter squash, pumpkins, some corn, and green beans were still awaiting harvest. East winds dried out topsoil moisture that was gained earlier, increasing fire danger again. Lower soil moisture also slowed planting of winter grains. The north central region received substantial rain which delayed seeding in a few areas. More moisture was needed. Baker County also saw a bit of rain. In the southwest region, summer drought conditions remained and many ranchers were signing up for drought relief programs. Pastures were short of normal production, as water hauling and feeding winter hay to livestock continued. Creeks remained lower than previous drought years. The Klondike wildfire rekindled in Josephine County and new ones started in Jackson County. Wine grape harvest continued. In the southeast region, some counties saw a bit of rain. Harvests continued. Some frost in the valley was reported and producers were unsure of the effects that had on unharvested onions. Some onions and potatoes were still being harvested.

## **Frosty Night and Sunny Days throughout Washington**

There were 6.3 days suitable for field work last week. Pasture and range conditions were reported at 28% very poor, 29% poor, 16% fair, 25% good, and 2% excellent. A low temperature of 18 degrees Fahrenheit was reported in the northeast region, while a high temperature of 74 degrees Fahrenheit was reported in the central region. Statewide temperature differentials ranged from 6 degrees below to 2 degrees above normal. Some pastures were still looking dry in Grays Harbor, Lewis, and Pacific Counties. Further north, pastures were in good enough condition that producers did not feed additional forage. Pumpkins were ripe. Corn harvest wrapped up in Snohomish County. Some corn fields reported root worm, which decreased yields and caused corn to fall over due to lack of roots. Favorable weather allowed for late combining of seed crops and grains. Fields were in good condition for cover cropping. Jefferson County had a hard freeze last week, but beets were unharmed. Potato harvest finished. Producers in Whatcom County wrapped up corn silage harvest and final grass cutting for the year. Raspberries were tied and pruned. Pacific County had rain last week that was needed for cranberry harvest. Pastures in San Juan County had cool season regrowth due to recent rains. The majority of livestock was on stockpiled feed. Fruit tree harvest continued along with CSA vegetable harvest for fall crops. Irrigation systems rested for the week due to recent rain. Skagit County had amazing conditions. Yakima County had areas that frosted. A large majority of apple harvest was completed. Hop harvest finished. Tomatoes, peppers, and squashes were present at roadside stands. Vegetable growers were closing down some fields and collecting black plastic and irrigation lines. Fall planting continued in Spokane and Pend Oreille Counties; however rain split up working days. Lincoln County received considerable rain, but more precipitation was needed for wheat emergence. Harvest was mostly done and fall crop plantings were wrapping up. The first light frost glazed Adams County, which continued to be dry. The Palouse had cooler temperatures.

### Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 10/14/18

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho .....	5	38	55	2
Oregon .....	42	24	34	-
Washington.....	22	35	43	-
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho .....	8	48	44	-
Oregon .....	55	23	22	-
Washington.....	27	31	42	-

- Represents zero.

### Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 10/14/18

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Winter wheat					
Idaho .....	1	6	44	34	15
Washington.....	-	1	38	57	4
Corn					
Idaho .....	-	-	5	88	7
Oregon .....	-	3	17	73	7
Washington.....	-	3	16	72	9
Sugarbeets					
Idaho .....	-	1	13	57	29
Oregon .....	-	10	20	70	-
Washington.....	-	-	50	50	-

- Represents zero.

## Weekly Weather Statistics — Idaho: October 8 - October 14, 2018

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation			
	Low	Hi	AVG	DFN	Base 50		Total inches	DFN	Days	Total inches	DFN	Percent normal	Days
					Total	DFN							
<b>NORTH</b>													
Bonniers Ferry .....	28	63	45	-2	0	-7	0.03	-0.26	1	1.32	-0.23	85	11
Coeur d' Alene .....	28	63	46	-4	0	-16	0.41	+0.04	3	0.94	-0.77	55	9
Fenn .....	16	63	45	-5	0	-15	0.41	-0.07	3	1.36	-1.44	49	10
Lewiston .....	33	68	49	-5	17	-16	0.11	-0.09	2	0.31	-0.74	30	5
Nezperce .....	18	63	41	-6	0	-12	0.22	-0.08	3	0.41	-1.35	23	6
<b>SOUTHWEST</b>													
Boise .....	28	64	45	-9	0	-42	1.30	+1.15	3	3.86	+2.99	444	21
Emmett .....	24	64	46	-8	2	-32	0.21	+0.05	2	0.42	-0.40	51	3
Glenns Ferry .....	28	63	45	-8	0	-36	0.48	+0.30	1	0.66	-0.11	86	4
Grand View .....	26	67	46	-7	0	-33	0.23	+0.14	1	0.49	-0.08	86	2
Nampa .....	28	65	47	-6	0	-32	0.33	+0.20	3	0.74	-0.00	100	10
Parma .....	29	64	48	-5	2	-28	0.38	+0.25	3	0.67	-0.09	88	8
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>													
Fairfield.....	21	60	39	-8	0	-10	0.59	+0.42	2	0.99	+0.11	112	6
Malta.....	22	59	40	-10	0	-22	1.06	+0.90	4	1.28	-0.03	98	13
Picabo.....	17	61	39	-7	0	-9	0.55	+0.32	3	0.77	-0.18	81	5
Rupert.....	23	58	42	-7	0	-18	0.80	+0.63	4	1.01	+0.24	131	10
Twin Falls .....	26	58	43	-9	0	-28	0.94	+0.75	3	1.07	+0.17	119	5
<b>EAST</b>													
Aberdeen .....	27	55	40	-7	0	-11	0.78	+0.61	4	0.99	-0.08	93	6
Ashton .....	18	59	37	-9	0	-8	0.46	+0.11	3	1.13	-0.59	66	6
Downey.....	18	59	39	-9	0	-12	0.65	+0.38	3	1.18	-0.60	66	9
Fort Hall .....	22	59	40	-8	0	-12	0.50	+0.31	2	0.74	-0.39	65	9
Idaho Falls .....	24	57	40	-7	0	-11	1.18	+0.98	6	1.91	+0.68	155	11
Lava Hot Springs .....	26	58	41	-7	0	-12	0.61	+0.34	2	1.32	-0.46	74	6
Montevue .....	19	57	37	-10	0	-11	0.40	+0.25	2	0.65	-0.25	72	5
Rexburg .....	10	58	34	-12	0	-9	0.24	-0.02	1	0.59	-0.87	40	5

## Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 10/14/18

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted .....	84	67	89	83
Winter wheat emerged .....	48	35	48	46
Potatoes harvested .....	85	68	74	82
Sugarbeets harvested .....	37	34	41	41
Field corn mature .....	99	94	80	50
Field corn harvested for grain .....	61	35	19	32
Field corn harvested for silage .....	92	87	88	86
Onions harvested .....	95	78	81	91
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting .....	77	76	63	73

(NA) Not available.

## Weekly Weather Statistics — Washington: October 8 - October 14, 2018

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation				
	Low	Hi	AVG	DFN	Base 50		Total inches	DFN	Days	Total inches	DFN	Percent normal	Days	
					Total	DFN								
WEST														
Bellingham.....	36	67	49	-1	19	+4	0.07	-0.64	2	2.79	-0.28	91	19	
Everett.....	37	65	52	+0	18	-6	0.48	-0.28	4	3.88	+0.51	115	24	
Hoquiam.....	40	68	52	-1	34	+7	0.06	-1.21	1	3.92	-0.55	88	17	
Kelso.....	34	71	52	-3	36	-2	0.18	-0.56	2	2.35	-1.07	69	16	
Olympia.....	32	66	47	-5	11	-7	0.15	-0.71	1	3.65	+0.43	113	17	
Sea-Tac.....	46	67	53	-1	38	+7	0.19	-0.46	2	2.17	-0.51	81	19	
Shelton.....	29	69	47	-4	12	-6	0.01	-1.23	1	4.49	+0.71	119	18	
Tacoma.....	44	63	52	-2	24	-4	0.13	-0.69	2	1.80	-1.19	60	19	
Vancouver.....	38	71	56	+1	42	+4	0.19	-0.48	1	2.04	-0.76	73	12	
CENTRAL														
Easton.....	27	62	46	-2	0	-11	0.69	+0.08	4	1.83	-0.93	66	14	
Ellensburg.....	30	70	48	-4	10	-14	0.52	+0.41	2	0.80	+0.19	131	6	
Omak.....	31	63	50	-1	6	-14	0.69	+0.48	2	0.76	-0.21	78	4	
Wenatchee.....	35	74	53	-2	20	-16	0.11	+0.03	1	0.25	-0.20	56	2	
Yakima AP.....	28	71	48	-3	12	-8	0.29	+0.20	2	0.56	+0.02	104	5	
NORTHEAST														
Chewelah.....	25	62	44	-3	0	-8	0.25	+0.05	2	0.53	-0.66	45	8	
Deer Park.....	18	62	43	-2	0	-7	0.36	+0.03	3	0.86	-0.73	54	13	
Kettle Falls.....	27	64	47	-3	2	-16	0.47	+0.23	3	1.02	-0.44	70	11	
Spokane.....	32	62	45	-4	0	-16	0.30	+0.09	3	0.47	-0.58	45	7	
EAST CENTRAL														
Ephrata.....	32	69	50	-3	18	-10	0.04	-0.05	2	0.20	-0.34	37	4	
George.....	26	73	49	-4	3	-25	0.11	+0.03	2	0.30	-0.24	56	4	
Lind.....	26	70	48	-3	4	-20	0.08	-0.06	1	0.20	-0.46	30	2	
Moses Lake.....	28	69	48	-3	11	-9	0.03	-0.10	2	0.21	-0.42	33	4	
Ritzville.....	28	65	46	-5	0	-22	0.10	-0.06	2	0.20	-0.56	26	3	
SOUTHEAST														
Lake Bryan Rice.....	34	72	51	+1	18	-2	0.05	-0.17	1	0.22	-1.00	18	4	
Pasco.....	29	72	48	-5	20	-12	0.54	+0.38	2	0.70	-0.01	99	4	
Pullman.....	26	61	44	-6	0	-21	0.11	-0.16	2	0.30	-0.98	23	6	
Richland.....	32	73	51	-2	26	-6	0.45	+0.29	1	0.74	+0.03	104	4	
Silcott Island.....	34	67	52	+2	22	+3	0.10	-0.12	2	0.14	-1.08	11	4	
Walla Walla.....	37	70	51	-5	18	-24	0.83	+0.54	2	1.20	-0.08	94	5	
Whitman Mission.....	31	72	48	-3	2	-23	0.80	+0.57	2	1.08	+0.00	100	4	

## Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 10/14/18

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted.....	87	75	79	84
Winter wheat emerged.....	47	40	58	62
Potatoes harvested.....	68	59	81	82
Sugarbeets harvested.....	41	40	-	(NA)
Field corn dented.....	96	93	89	90
Field corn mature.....	82	74	69	64
Field corn harvested for grain.....	53	38	32	30
Field corn harvested for silage.....	87	74	84	82
Dry edible beans harvested.....	95	94	(NA)	(NA)
Onions harvested.....	89	87	95	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	69	66	89	85

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

# Weekly Weather Statistics — Oregon: October 8 - October 14, 2018

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation				
	Low	Hi	AVG	DFN	Base 50		Total inches	DFN	Days	Total inches	DFN	Percent normal	Days	
					Total	DFN								
COASTAL AREAS														
Astoria .....	41	68	54	+1	40	+12	0.31	-0.83	2	4.82	+0.67	116	20	
Bandon .....	44	80	57	+2	54	+19	0.19	-0.53	2	1.38	-1.22	53	14	
Florence .....	35	72	54	+0	28	+1	0.47	-0.55	2	1.71	-2.52	40	14	
North Bend.....	43	77	58	+4	68	+38	0.05	-0.80	2	1.63	-1.42	53	16	
Tillamook .....	36	69	53	-1	20	-10	0.71	-0.60	2	3.40	-2.00	63	20	
WILLAMETTE VALLEY														
Aurora.....	41	72	57	+2	50	+12	0.14	-0.58	2	1.44	-1.59	48	13	
Corvallis.....	38	74	56	+2	52	+16	0.03	-0.52	1	1.38	-0.85	62	11	
Detroit Lake .....	34	72	50	-5	18	-17	0.72	-0.53	3	2.79	-2.24	55	14	
Eugene .....	31	76	52	-3	30	-2	0.04	-0.50	2	0.54	-1.72	24	11	
Hillsboro.....	35	72	53	+0	34	+10	0.06	-0.56	2	1.64	-0.89	65	14	
McMinnville .....	36	73	55	+2	42	+14	0.01	-0.62	1	1.81	-0.67	73	14	
Portland .....	40	72	56	+0	43	+0	0.40	-0.27	1	2.23	-0.54	81	12	
Salem .....	37	74	54	-1	44	+8	0.13	-0.41	1	0.69	-1.55	31	12	
SOUTHWESTERN VALLEYS														
Grants Pass .....	33	77	54	-3	30	-20	0.01	-0.30	1	0.44	-0.75	37	6	
Medford .....	36	77	55	-3	45	-13	0.00	-0.19	0	0.58	-0.33	64	6	
Roseburg .....	32	79	53	-5	42	-14	0.20	-0.19	3	0.90	-0.71	56	11	
NORTH CENTRAL														
Arlington .....	33	72	54	-1	28	-14	0.17	+0.06	2	0.67	+0.01	102	3	
Echo .....	27	75	50	-3	9	-18	0.65	+0.48	3	1.29	+0.47	157	5	
Heppner.....	32	71	48	-5	4	-26	1.55	+1.33	3	2.05	+1.07	209	4	
Hermiston .....	29	74	51	-1	14	-14	0.73	+0.56	2	1.14	+0.32	139	4	
Madras.....	23	72	47	-4	7	-16	0.07	-0.08	2	0.25	-0.49	34	5	
Moro .....	30	69	48	-3	2	-20	0.43	+0.26	2	0.90	+0.07	108	3	
Parkdale .....	30	72	49	-3	10	-9	0.15	-0.29	2	1.24	-0.45	73	10	
Pendleton .....	28	76	50	-3	10	-21	0.87	+0.66	3	1.73	+0.66	162	5	
Prairie City .....	20	67	41	-10	0	-24	0.76	+0.56	4	1.24	+0.22	122	14	
The Dalles .....	32	74	52	-4	30	-12	0.44	+0.31	2	0.78	+0.09	113	6	
SOUTH CENTRAL														
Agency Lake .....	27	67	45	-3	2	-8	0.00	-0.20	0	0.77	-0.18	81	8	
Bend .....	23	71	46	-3	6	-12	0.01	-0.10	1	0.09	-0.52	15	5	
Burns .....	11	66	40	-6	0	-9	0.09	-0.06	2	0.28	-0.44	39	5	
Christmas Valley .....	12	70	41	-6	0	-10	0.01	-0.13	1	1.00	+0.27	137	6	
Klamath Falls .....	26	69	47	-7	4	-31	0.00	-0.13	0	1.02	+0.23	129	17	
Lakeview.....	21	66	43	-7	0	-19	0.01	-0.16	1	0.77	-0.20	79	7	
Lorella.....	18	71	43	-8	2	-22	0.00	-0.19	0	0.70	-0.22	76	7	
Redmond .....	19	75	44	-5	4	-13	0.02	-0.11	2	0.23	-0.42	35	6	
Worden.....	18	71	44	-10	4	-31	0.02	-0.11	2	0.73	-0.06	92	9	
NORTHEAST														
Baker City .....	20	66	43	-4	0	-8	0.48	+0.36	2	0.49	-0.30	62	3	
Imbler.....	26	66	44	-5	0	-15	1.11	+0.79	2	1.42	+0.03	102	9	
La Grande.....	27	68	47	-4	3	-17	1.08	+0.83	2	1.49	+0.36	132	6	
SOUTHEAST														
Ontario.....	30	64	50	-2	8	-20	0.59	+0.48	1	0.92	+0.30	148	5	
Rome.....	17	66	43	-6	5	-12	0.04	-0.14	1	0.63	-0.06	91	4	

Summary based on NOAA Regional Climate Centers (RCCs) data.  
Season cumulative precipitation starts: September 1.  
DFN = Departure from normal.  
NA = Data not available.

Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.  
Precipitation days= Days with precipitation of 0.01 inch or more.  
Air temperature in degrees Fahrenheit.  
Normals period 1981-2010 used in DFN calculations.

## Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 10/14/18

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted .....	51	42	70	64
Winter wheat emerged.....	15	11	37	23
Potatoes harvested.....	75	70	73	(NA)
Sugarbeets harvested.....	46	35	26	(NA)
Field corn harvested for grain .....	32	20	50	(NA)
Field corn harvested for silage .....	71	64	70	(NA)
Dry edible beans harvested .....	95	86	99	(NA)
Onions harvested .....	75	65	79	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

**Notice:** Please be advised, the Weekly Crop Progress and Condition Report's Weather Data Tables may be discontinued for budget reasons. This includes the possibility of discontinuing the weather data narratives and graphics. Contact your local NASS Regional Field Office with comments or compliments regarding this issue. The Weekly Crop Progress and Condition Report's Crop Progress and Condition data will continue to be available.

### Access to NASS Reports

For your convenience, you may access NASS reports and products the following ways:

- All reports are available electronically, at no cost, on the NASS web site <http://www.nass.usda.gov>
- Both national and state specific reports are available via a free e-mail subscription. To set-up this free subscription, visit <http://www.nass.usda.gov>. Hover over the "Publications" drop down. Under "Receive reports by Email" section in the lower right corner, select the report(s) you would like to receive.

For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Agricultural Statistics Hotline at (800) 727-9540, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET, or e-mail: [nass@nass.usda.gov](mailto:nass@nass.usda.gov)